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Chairman: Mr. LANUS (Argentina)

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The meeting was called to order at 12.40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF DECISIONS BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS RELATING TO THE GENERAL PROGRAMMES TARGET FOR 1993

1. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider a draft decision incorporating recent decisions by the Sub-Committee of the Whole on Administrative and Financial Matters, which read as follows:

"The Executive Committee,

Recalling the information concerned in UNHCR Activities financed by Voluntary Funds: Report for 1991-1992 and proposed Programmes and Budget for 1993 (A/AC.96/793 (Parts I-VI)); the Overview of UNHCR Activities: Report for 1991-1992 (A/AC.96/798); and the Update of UNHCR Programme and Funding Projections for 1992 and 1993 (EC/1992/SC.2/CRP.18 and Add.1),

Bearing in mind its General Decision on Administrative and Financial Matters adopted at the forty-third session of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme (A/AC.96/804, para. 32) and further information on needs as contained in Overall Programme and Funding Projections for 1992, Revised 1993 General Programmes Target and Overall Programme and Funding Projections for 1993 (EC/1992/SC.2/CRP.25),

Approves an increase to the 1993 General Programmes target from the initially approved $378,249,000 to a level of $413,658,000 (including $25 million for the Emergency Fund, $20 million for the General Allocation for Voluntary Repatriation and $33,513,800 for the Programme Reserve), as set out in document EC/1992/SC.2/CRP.25/Rev.1 (Annex VI)."

2. The draft decision was adopted without a vote.

APPROVAL OF DECISIONS BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY FUND

3. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider a draft decision incorporating recent decisions by the Sub-Committee of the Whole on Administrative and Financial Matters, which read as follows:

"The Executive Committee,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45/140 B whereby the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner was authorized to determine in future the terms and conditions for the operation of the Emergency Fund of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

Bearing in mind its own decision of 6 February 1991 (A/AC.96/768, para. 11) to amend the Financial Rules for Voluntary Funds administered by the High Commissioner for Refugees (A/AC.96/503/Rev.4), and how such amendments have enhanced the flexibility of the Office in responding to humanitarian emergencies,

Noting the increasing demands on the Office to respond to a range of humanitarian emergencies,

Authorizes changes to the Financial Rules for Voluntary Funds administered by the High Commissioner for Refugees, effective 1 January 1993, whereby the High Commissioner for Refugees may allocate from the Emergency Fund up to $25 million annually, provided that the amount made available for one single emergency shall not exceed $8 million in any one year and that the Fund shall be maintained at not less than $8 million."

4. The draft decision was adopted without a vote.

APPLICATION BY GOVERNMENT OBSERVER DELEGATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES AND INFORMAL SESSIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNHCR

5. Mr. HALL (Secretary of the Committee) recalled that in the earlier part of the present session of the Executive Committee in October, applications for observer status had been received from the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Senegal too late for consideration at that time. Those applications had thus been brought forward to the present meeting.

6. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider a draft decision which read as follows:

"The Executive Committee,

Recalling the decision of its thirty-ninth session in 1988, reflected in document A/AC.96/710, to open the sessions of its two Sub-Committees and Informal Meetings to participation as Observers by States Members of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies who are not members of the Executive Committee,

Approves applications by the following Government Observer delegations for participation in the Sub-Committees of the Whole on International Protection and Administrative and Financial Matters, as well as in the Informal Meetings of the Executive Committee in 1993: the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Senegal."

7. The draft decision was adopted without a vote.

The meeting rose at 12.50 p.m.